## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Appeal No. (not yet assigned)

In re Application of

NEREIDA MARIA MENENDEZ et al.

: Group Art Unit: 3629

Serial No. 09/698,502

: Examiner: Naresh Vig

Filed: October 27, 2000

: Attorney Docket No. 285277-00018

METHOD FOR COMPLETING

AND STORING AN ELECTRONIC

RENTAL AGREEMENT

: Confirmation No. 6442

## STATUS INQUIRY AND INFORMATION RELATED TO THE APPEAL

November 20, 2006

Mail Stop Appeal Brief-Patents Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

On March 22, 2006, the Board mailed an Order which returned the above-captioned application to the Examiner for the purpose of, *inter alia*, generating a revised Examiner's Answer. At this time, Appellant's attorney has not received a revised Examiner's Answer and, therefore, is now inquiring about the status of the same.

Also, Appellant's attorney wishes to inform the Board of changes in the Real Party In Interest and of the Related Appeals and Interferences for this appeal, as follows:

## **Real Party In Interest**

The real party in interest is Vanguard Trademark Holdings USA LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of Delaware, having a place of business at 6929 North Lakewood Avenue, Suite 100, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74117-1808.

## **Related Appeals and Interferences**

There is one prior and pending appeal, interference or judicial proceeding known to Appellant, the Appellant's legal representative, or assignee which may be related to, directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal. This is this prior and pending appeal (the Brief On Appeal is being filed on November 20, 2006) of Application Serial No. 09/698,552, which application is identified as being a related application on page 1, lines 10-12 of the above-captioned Application Serial No. 09/698,502.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk D. Houser

(412) 566-6083

Registration No. 37,357

Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC

600 Grant Street, 44th Floor

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Attorney for Appellant

2